

## *The Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities*

### *Annual Awards Banquet*

Des Moines - The Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities will honor individuals and employers on Monday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Des Moines Marriott hotel, 1250 74th Street, **(Note: Now Jordan Creek Parkway)** West Des Moines.

- **Employer of the Year Award:** Mediacom and June Froehle-Snyder, HR Coordinator, earn the Large Employer Award and Dennis Buffington of Best Western Regency in Marshalltown earns the Small Employer Award for outstanding achievements in enhancing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
- **The Governor's Award:** Ms. Julia Scurr of Coralville for her many years of service to individuals with disabilities.
- **Commissioners' Award:** Richard Grose, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, of Creston. Dick has served the Creston community for many years as a devoted volunteer on boards and committees besides continuing his excellent services through his employment.
- **Distinguished Service Award:** Dave Neises of Dubuque for his volunteer work with Easter Seals Iowa in their Rural Solutions Program. Dave donates his talents in design and construction of equipment to assist farmers to continue farming as a way of life after disability.
- **Media Award:** Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman and writer Heather Lilienthal of Iowa Falls. The series on farmers returning to farming after experiencing a disability was instrumental in providing hope and good information to that community.
- **Youth Service Award:** Joshua Cross of Des Moines and Darrel Kirby of Colesburg both receive this award for initiatives to enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities. They serve as role models, mentors, and supports to help people with disabilities.
- **Best Accessible Design Award:** Ben Moore of Moore Construction Company for building universal design homes and becoming certified in aging-in-place specialties.

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Please make reservations for the annual awards banquet.

My check for \$ 25.00 per person is enclosed.

(Make checks payable to the Friends of the Commission of Persons with Disabilities)

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**Name and Address**  
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Contact Jill Avery by November 1 at 888/219-0471 for special needs (diet, ASL interpreter, Braille).

Call 800-228-9290 for information on accessible rooms.

**Reservations must be received by November 10, 2004. No money will be accepted at the door.**

Return reservation and check to:

Friends of the Commission of Persons with Disabilities,  
Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319